

NOTICE OF A CORRIDOR PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE NC 125 WILLIAMSTON
BYPASS FROM SR 1182 (EAST COLLEGE ROAD) SOUTHWEST OF
WILLIAMSTON TO NC 125 NORTHWEST OF WILLIAMSTON

TIP Project No. R-3826

Martin County

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold a Corridor Public Hearing on Thursday, September 17, 2009, for the above proposed highway project, at the Martin Community College Auditorium (Building 2), located at 1161 Kehukee Park Road, Williamston, 27892.

NCDOT representatives will be available prior to the public hearing in an informal setting in the auditorium lobby, between the hours of 4:00 and 6:00 pm, to answer questions and receive comments relative to the proposed project. There will be a formal presentation (public hearing) of the project beginning at 6:30 pm in the auditorium. There will be an opportunity to submit verbal comments or concerns, if desired, following the presentation, until 8:30 pm.

NCDOT proposes to widen existing NC 125 between SR 1182 (East College Road) and US 64 Alternate to three lanes and construct a NC 125 Bypass of Williamston from US 64 Alternate to existing NC 125 northwest of Williamston, mostly on new location. A two-lane roadway on multi-lane right of way is proposed for portions of the bypass on new location. The purpose of the proposed project is to reduce the amount of truck traffic through downtown Williamston and improve safety on existing NC 125. Southbound NC 125 truck traffic has difficulty making turns through Williamston. The proposed bypass will provide a less congested, more free-flowing alternative to the current roadway.

Maps displaying the location and design of the project and a copy of the environmental document, the Environmental Assessment (EA), are available for public review at the Town of Williamston, Town Manager's Office, located at 102 E. Main Street, Williamston; and are also available at the NCDOT, Division 1- Resident Engineers Office, located at 19210 US Highway 64 East, Williamston. Copies of the map are available upon request at:

http://www.ncdot.org/doh/preconstruct/highway/roadway/hearingmaps_by_county/

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Ms. Eileen Fuchs, NCDOT-Human Environment Unit, at 1598 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1598, phone (919) 431-1610, or email: eafuchs@ncdot.gov. Additional written comments may be submitted to Ms. Fuchs until October 23, 2009.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in this hearing. Anyone requiring special services should contact Ms. Fuchs as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.